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CINCPAC FOR ADMIRAL GAYLER AND ABRAMOWITZ

1. REFTEL REPORT ON MARCH 5 MEETING WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT MARCOS IS NOT PUSHING ON MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT ISSUES AND, IN FACT, DOES NOT INTEND TO INTERCONNECT NEGOTIATIONS ON MBA AND LAUREL-LANGLEY. IN VIEW OF RELATIVELY SMOOTH OPERATIONS OF MBA AT PRESENT TIME, PARTICULARLY UNDER
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RECENTLY REACTIVATED CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IMPLEMENTATION

COMMITTEE, WE SEE NO NEED TO PUSH MARCOS IN THIS AREA, AND PREFER TO LEAVE EVENTUAL INITIATIVE TO GOP.

2. AS INDICATED IN STATE 17650, NATURE OF UNRESOLVED MBA ARTICLES IS SUCH THAT WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL FOR TECHNICAL TALKS TO BE RESUMED PRIOR TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCOS. WE RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTY PHILS MAY HAVE IN RECONSTITUTING THEIR TECHNICAL PANEL, AS WELL AS PROBLEM OF INTERMINISTERIAL COORDINATION, BUT VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT MARCOS WILL BE ABLE HIMSELF TO FIELD COMPLEX AND DETAILED ISSUES INVOLVED UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN MORE FULLY SORTED OUT THAN IS NOW THE CASE. IN ADDITION, SINCE US SIDE DOES NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INDICATIONS OF CURRENT FILIPINO POSITIONS ON OUT-

STANDING MBA ISSUES (MANILA 1479, PARA 5.F), WE INTEND TO AWAIT PHILIPPINE INITIATIVES BEFORE DEVELOPING SPECIFIC RESPONSES. RUSH

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